

Summer

Is your home ready for the warmer months ahead? If not, there's no better time than the present to create a to-do list and get things done now so you're ready to enjoy your best life in your best home this summer.

- ❑ **Make plug upgrades:** Modifying or replacing electrical wiring can be extremely dangerous, leading to consequences like fire damage. Stay safe and seek a qualified electrician to upgrade or add a new plug to your home.
- ❑ **Clean your air conditioner:** Special brushes and cloths are required to clean the coils on your air conditioner's condenser unit. Attempting to do this yourself could result in damage and a pricey repair bill.
- ❑ **Repair garage door springs:** Garage door torsion springs are under tension and replacement requires the correct tools and processes. Improper procedures could cause bodily harm and damage to the home.
- ❑ **Repair your oven or stove - especially gas units:** DIY oven or stove repairs can lead to consequences like gas leaks and fires. Let expert service technicians provide an effective, long-lasting repair while keeping your home safe.
- ❑ **Install a new water heater:** In addition to risk of injury, a water heater installation that is not done correctly could result in extensive flood damage to your home. This repair or installation is best done by a professional plumber.
- ❑ **Clean your dryer vents:** Unkempt dryer vents can lead to life-threatening outcomes, from fires to the build-up of toxins, mold, and bacteria. Protect your family and home by getting a professional inspection of your venting system and scheduling regular cleanings.
- ❑ **Install a new deck:** Building a safe and attractive deck takes more than just instructions; it takes time, tools, and materials. Choosing the style and plan is easy, but let the professionals handle the framing, decking, railing, staining, and other project areas.
- ❑ **Think green when you clean.** Creating your own all-purpose cleaner with essential oils, vinegar, and baking soda can help reduce toxicity in your home. Being mindful of water use while doing laundry, scrubbing floors, and doing dishes can also help keep water usage down.
- ❑ **Introduce a new shade of paint:** Painting kitchen cabinets, interior walls, or exterior trim seems easy at first, but picking the right paint, brushes, finish, coverage, primer, and other details can be challenging. Painting professionals know what to use and will recommend and provide a quality finish and result.
- ❑ **Get creative with new storage solutions:** Professional designers can create custom solutions for every room in your home, leaving a lasting impact on the efficiency and value of your home.
- ❑ **Revitalize lawn and update landscaping:** Completing tasks like trimming overgrowth, fertilizing grass, and installing landscaping enhance curb appeal. Preventative measures are also important, such as adding weed barriers and treatments.
- ❑ **Have Your Yard Sprayed:** No one wants their outdoor event to turn into a flurry of swatting or slapping away bugs. Have your yard professionally treated in areas where mosquitoes like to hide and breed.



TIP

Clean your windows and home's exterior:

Your home's windows are your eyes to the outside world, but they can get dirty over time along with your home's exterior. While cleaning the inside of your windows may be easily accessible, the outside of the windows can be more difficult, not to mention that cleaning different types of siding can be complex.

Use this checklist to get in a seasonal home maintenance routine that keeps your home in great shape. Just remember to do what works best for you. If you need a helping hand, contact any of the Neighborly home service brands for results you can trust. Visit neighborly.com or download the Neighborly App to connect to local home service professionals.